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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATALANTA VISIT TO PRC MEAT PACKING FACILITIES

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1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A APPEARS TO UPDATE A REPORT WHICH USLO AND DEPT OFFICER LINCOLN RECEIVED FROM SCHRODER'S BANK NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH MORSE AT THE RECENT CANTON FAIR. AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT (PARA 6, REF B), THE ATALANTA DELEGATION TO THE SPRING FAIR WAS TURNED DOWN WHEN IT ASKED TO VISIT A HAM CANNING FACILITY FOLLOWING ITS VISIT TO THE FAIR. THE CHINESE REPORTEDLY SAID THEY ARE NOT CANNING HAMS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. THE DELEGATION WAS TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE A VISIT IN THE FALL, AND WHEN ATALANTA REJOINED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE USDA REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FALL VISIT, THE CHINESE DID NOT REACT NEGATIVELY TO THE SUGGESTION. REF A SUGGESTS THAT THINGS HAVE NOW MOVED FARTHER ALONG AND THAT ATALANTA HAS A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM THE CHINESE FOR THE FALL VISIT, INCLUDING AGREEMENT THAT ATALANTA MAY BRING ALONG USDA PERSONNEL.

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2. THE VISIT WOULD HAVE OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DIALOGUE
ON MEAT IMPORTS WHICH USLO HAS ATTEMPTED TO MAINTAIN WITH
THE CHINA NATIONAL CEREALS, OILS AND FOODSTUFFS IMPORT
AND EXPORT CORPORATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OR CONGEN ON ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
CONCERNING THE MATTER.
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